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Some of the places I've lived.

When Tom and Fanny Combs were married, they went to live on the farm owned by father on Badger Lake, just across the road, from grandma Combs last home, where S. Laurie Combs, was born Aug 12, 1875. The twins Iva & Iua, a year later. Then Lilly Dale, one year after them, George was born in 1879. Then in the spring of '81 we moved, having traded farms, with grandfather Myers. There Ethel was born, when she was six months old, we moved to Buava, where mother had a millenary store, soon we moved the millenary store, to Whitney.

We then bought a farm, & built a large house, a mile north of grandmother Combs. North was born here, in '83.

we took a trip to Washington State²
where several relatives had gone
to live, we staid three weeks, and
came back, built a small house, near
the large house, that was rented for
the year, to the Durmagans, (no good).

Moved to Whiting, in uncle Walter
Hendricks house, fathers health was so bad
he moved us in the Polly house, and
started out for the Ozark Mtns. he was
supposed to have T.B. but did not.

After visiting thru Kansas
where his sister Martha Sudduth lived
he bought a farm, in the Ozark foothill
we had a ^{hand} hughed, black walnut log house
and cooked on a fire place, till we could
have a stove shipped from Whiting, Iowa.
This was Benton Co, P.O. Garfield.

Less than a year, we went

to Whiting, to take care of aunt Kate,
whose husband, John Dummagan, had
died of appendicitis, to uncle Walts house,
(always vacant) in Whiting, untill
father traded The Ark farm for the Ellison
farm, near Albaton, ~~where~~ where

Claud Dummagan was born, this
farm, was traded for a hotel in Whiting,
sold or given away, back to uncle Walts
house, to get ready for a trip to O.ⁿ.
Mother and we children going ahead.

We first lived at Wawawai, where we
children, and Minnie Larkin, attended
school, Lillian Davis (Davis) teacher.

There we were schoolmates of the Remmetts
Edna and I being dear, life long friends
my ~~Edna~~ is her namesake.

We then moved back to uncle

uncle Muns house, then to the Fri
house. on Union flat. when father
came, we took a homestead. (no a p
emtion) at Beaura Dell. sold to
Seat family. and moved to Idaho.
to aunt Kates, then to Timber claim 1
where we were nearly frozen to death
while father went after provisions.
miles away. uncle Sherman was
cut wood & help us, but due to a
relatives meanness, never came at a
George and I were breaking dead to
from trees, above the deep snow.
Mother & Ethel & North remained in the
bed, to keep from freezing. till we co
get enough fire wood. to heat the h
some what. by a fire place. we wer
down to some frozen canned food
when some neighbors, several mile
away, happened by, and discovered

(This was Alex Frank young)

our sad plight. we soon had firewood
galore, and father arrived safely, next-
day, with food, furniture, cook stove, etc.
mothers sister, God forgive her meanness,
had nearly cost us all our lives.
The next week, we moved to a better,
timber claim, while we moved our
first-load to this new house, there was
such a thaw, the neighbor, who was
helping us move, took the team to his
home, leaving us surrounded by water,
no horses, no lanterns, the snow, very
deep, and slushy, and water everywhere.
George and I were sent for help, that-
night, about 10 o'clock, to this neighbors
Ora and Mitt Day. we started out
with a lamp, matches, a small ~~map~~, and
the old dog. after many falls, the
~~matches~~ became wet. I got a good bump.

with the ax, which George (4½ years young
than I) was carrying, the lamp & ax.
were then placed by the trail, & we trudged
on; wading streams to our waists. the
dog growled, George cried to turn back
not knowing all, that little ones are now
told from infancy, he couldn't see the
need of going on. after ages, it seemed
we arrived at Days home. were given
dry clothes; and put to bed. while the
neighbors went to mother's aid. next
morning we were told we had a new
brother. Sam.

After one year, we moved back to
Hawaii. Father was sawyer, in a
lumber mill. at good wages. being a
good carpenter, a good separator tender
(on a ~~thrasher~~), he always had good

wages, and plenty of work any where.

He sold this timber claim, to the
Hells brothers, and it became a valuable
farm. (we were told after moving, the
neighbors watched us very carefully, as
there were so many cougars around, and
mother & we children were alone, while
father worked, 14 miles away. one cougar
was killed, in a tree, over the barn,
where we milked our cows, one in
our garden patch, and one in the
meadow. all the summer, we sold the
place. I still have one of the claws for proof.

He traded for a fruit ranch, at
Alpowa, where we lived three years.
I could write a book, on our experiences
there. The most outstanding, was when
Ethel, Worth and I, killed 2 huge bob
cats alone, Ethel, Worth & the dogs chased
them up on a steep cliff. The children

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throwing rock, the dogs rushing them.
they crowded them down several cliffs.
Then came after me, to bring a gun.
which I took up the hill, to where
the bobcats were still able to fight.
after stunning them again, we placed
the gun near their heads, and shot
several times, one holding the gun,
Ethel still throwing rock, and Worth
pulled the trigger, as I couldn't
hold the gun still. we finally got them
dead enough, to drag to the house, some
distance away. every one, far and near
came to see what we had done, there
was a great write up, in the Creston
paper, and 25 years later, uncle
Ellsworth Myers, read it as a 25 years
reprint, while on a visit to Ok., he
was ~~not~~ surprised, as we had never
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thought to tell any one, much
less relatives; we took all such
things, in our every day living,
being given many hard tasks, sent
on many long, hard trips, all times
of year, me being the oldest, I dare not
fail in any thing, as was made to feel
the responsibility of the younger ones.

After three years in Alpoona
we went back to Hawawai, then
to uncle Munis again, then to Thorn
Thicket, at Ontario. Finally took a
home stead, in Redner gulch, where
our dear mother died, in child birth.
Max was born Apr. 20, 1895; when he
was a month old, we started for Calif-
by wagon; we had been waiting for
mother, to be able to travel by train, but
we started out with him. he lived there

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The trip, and become very ill, and passed away Aug. 20-1895; is buried in the S.O.P.F. cemetery, in San Francisco.

We lived in 3 different houses in San Francisco, father being in the asphaltum roofing business, with Frank Goodwin, and Mattie Myers husband.

In Oct. we went to Whiting, Iowa to live with grandmother Combs, arriving Oct 26; for a year, I was very ill, nervous prostration, but met and married Gus Riedeman in 1896. This made 30 real homes we had, beside many other trips.

Some small trips we children
took, for one reason or another.

Aunt Kate Kneighton lived 65 miles from
us, in the Bear Creek Mts, we lived
at Alpowa. She wanted Ethel, to come
to stay with her while her husband was
away working, so I was sent to take her on
horse back, we were three horrible days,
where we lived, it was like summer,
at the end of the first day, we could
get no place to stop over night, so
we were late at night, coming to a small
town, where some people took us in, and
were wonderful. (it was lambing season
and very wet & muddy, every one had all
their barns & sheds full of stock, was their
excuse). next day we got up in the Mts.
so much snow, we could make no headway
stopped before dark, and it was old friends

Next morning he took us several miles,
in a sleigh, so we arrived at aunt-

Kate's, before night. after resting a few
days, I started home a different way, which
was even worse but shorter, as I

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made it in two days, finding the road
trouble, in a stopping place in the
late evening, riding one horse, leading
~~the~~ other, walking over snow, that
would bear my weight, but not the horses,
that plunged thru, some way. There
were farms, all along the road, finally
after dark, one farmer, said, "you see
that light, up the road, on the left
they never turn anyone away."

When I reached the place, I knock
at the door, when it was opened, I
fainted away; of course they kept
me; and treated me like a friend.

I wish I could remember their
names, well at the end of the 2nd.
day. I reached home, too exhausted
to move for days. This place was
near Uniontown Colton, Pa; I was 15-
years old.

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The next spring, George & I made the trip to Aunt Kate in the Bear Creek Mts; during the spring thaw, can not remember why we were sent; we had to ford all streams that were not large enough for a ferry boat crossing.

We had to cross the Pollatch river, several times during the day. toward night, our horses had to swim with us, frightened nearly to death, we reached Aunt Kate next day, spending the night with some queer people, that frightened us still worse.

The day after, we crossed our last place, a team, wagon and whole family were drowned, the folk did not send us in spring time, again.

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Combs Ancestry Scotek.
the name at the arrival of the
first ancestors to America, was
McCombs, later the Mc. was
dropped, then one C. leaving the
present spelling Combs.

John Combs, farmer, hard shell
Baptist. Born in Virginia
Father of Samuel and grand father
of John Newton Combs (our grand
father)

Samuel Combs Born in Virginia
Hard shell Baptist, Wheelwright
and Miller.

Married Jane Hash. Born in Virginia

Their 10 (Ten) children were
all born in Kentucky.

names on following page

Children of Samuel and Jane Com

1. Elisabeth. (Betty) married Fredrick Shies
2. Aes. nothing is known of him.
3. Thomas. married Rachel Slack
4. Alice (long round of A) married Samuel Ray.
5. Ruth. married Robert Plunkett
6. Martha (Patty) married William Spron
7. John Newton. " Leah Pearce our g
another.
8. Nelson. never married. died in young
man hood
9. Jane. married Amos Dick
10. Samuel. married Margurite Hils

Nothing is known of any of
their families excepting Samue
five children lived to be grown
and married. and were.

Sara Jennie. married Lafayette Sims
lived in Kansas Their child

(Eva. Maggie. James. Kate. Lulu & Mar
nothing known of them

John Combs (wife Kate -) Fannies
husband - Hutchens) Anna husband

William Drake: Elsworth wife unknown

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On Grandmothers side very few
names are known.

Mary D. Gullivan Irish

Mary Slack English grandmothers
of Robert Pearce who was
born in Virginia, lived in Kent
and Tenn. a wheelwright and
a Quaker the name was changed
to Pierce by some of the family.

President Pierce being a
cousin to our grandfather.
Robert Pearce married Leah Bartlett
who was English and French.

Robert Pearce bought and sold
stock. driving them long distances
to Saint Louis market. on one
trip he became very ill, and
was cared for in Shakertown
Ky. in 1822. he arrived at his
home when well enough to travel,
disposed of his property which

was considered large, for that he
he took his family (who were very
unwilling to go.) turned all ~~the~~
owned, into the community of
Shakers. our grandmother Leah
being only two years old, at the
time, her mother was allowed to be
a cottage, and care for her, until
she was 5 years old, when she
was taken to the community house
her mother, continued in the private
cottage, to care for her aged
mother she herself living until
1861. no date of Robert Pearce and/or

The children of Leah Bartlett.

1. James, 2. Lorenzo, 3. William, 4. Isaac.
5. (Anna married Edward Perkins)
6. Lovie married Piercefield, 7. Mary, die
8. Peggy, married George Tye, 9. Margaret
10. Rachel, 11. Leah Melinda, many more
younger, married John Nathan Gibbs

12 children were born to.

John Newton Combs

Leah Melvina Pearce were married

in Illinois

28 Mar 1839

Births		Born
1	Robert Sylvester	7 Feb - 1840
2	Nelson Zopher	22 Jan - 1841
3	Martha Jane	4 May 1843
4	Victoria Virginia	2 Feb 1845
5	Ruth Ann	19 Feb 1847
6	Laura Melvina	11 Sept 1848
7	Samuel Newton	21 May 1850
8	Cordelia Antoinette	10 Sept 1851
9	James Elouzo Tom	24 Jan 1853
10	John Pearce	11 Oct 1856
11	William Marion	6 Mar 1858
12	Alice Peggy	26 June 1862

Able Leonidas Larkin married
 Cordelia Antoinette Combs. 3 Apr 1874

Two children were born to them
 Melvina Emma Larkin died young
 Minnie Ella Larkin married Bisse

Cordelia Antoinette Larkin married
 Marion Bird Myers Jan 19, 1883

7 children were born this union
 Jesse Combs Myers died in inf
 Clyde Myers married Dora

Marion Bird Myers single
 Lovie Alice. married Burk.

George James Myers married

Lela Joe Myers married 3 times

John Tom Myers married 2

Children of John & Leilah Combs
Deaths

- 1 Robert Sylvester Combs 10 Feb. 185
 - 2 Nelson Gopher
Killed in Battle of Pea Ridge
in civil war 16 Aug 186
 - Martha Jane Sudduth 15 Feb 1913
 - Virginia Victoria Dunnagan 5 July 19
 - Ruth Ann Combs 4 Apr 186
 - Laura Melving Combs 21 Aug 185
 - Samuel Newton Combs 28 May 18;
killed in a mine in Mont
 - Cordelia Antonette Myers 4 March 19;
 - James Elmo Tom Combs 5 Dec 19;
 - John Pearce Combs 21 Dec 18;
 - William Marion Combs 4 Dec 1.
 - Alice Peggy Morrow 14 Oct. 1
 - John Newton Combs 28 Apr 18
 - Leah M Combs Dubois 17 Mar 191
 - Polin M Dubois (French)
 - Leah M Combs married 2 Dec 18.
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Marriages of John Leah Combs children

James William Sudduth married
Martha Jane Combs Sept 29, 1859
10 children

Thomas Alexander Dunningan
Virginia Victoria Combs Feb 26, 1860
married 3 times 9 children

able Leonidas Larkin
Cordelia Antoinette Combs Apr 3, 1870
2 children

James Elouzo Tom Combs
Mary Francis Myers Oct 26, 1874
9 children

James Elouzo Tom Combs
Ella Allen May 7, 1887
4 children

Cordelia A. Larkin^{no.} (Combs)
Marion Bird Myers Jan 19, 1883
7 children

William Marion Combs
Florence Mary Gibson Mar 21, 1880
2 children

Alice Peggy Combs

Samuel Morrow date unknown
no children

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Old stage route we took from Hawaii
to S. F. given us by an old minister
Mr Pickle. We left Hawaii 22 May. 95
arrived S. F. 20 July. 1895-

Hawaii, Washington	Farewell Bend on the Deschutes river, now Bend
Pataha	
Pomeroy	Allens Ranch
Marringo	Big Meadows
Dayton	Long Prairie
Waitsburgh	Little Meadow
Walla Walla	Corral Springs
* Milton, Oregon	Beaver Marsh
Weston {The Roushes joined us there}	Sand Creek
Centerville	Kalamath Marsh
	Kalamath Falls
Adams	Linksville, hot sp.
Olex	Devils furnace
Mayville	Tulie Lake * Ca
Clam	Roushes left us
Condon	Jones Place
Clarno, on John Day river	(on the desert where we found false diamonds)
Antelope	
Hay Creek	Happy Camp.
* Praterville	continued next page

nine Springs.
Look out

* Pitts ville, crossed
mts to Clayton vally
where the army worms
were covering the
ground so little had
the cows shod.

Burney Falls
114 ft high.
Tamarack
Millville

* Anderson (left the
cows)

Cottonwood
Red Bluff

Tehama. (crossed
river on R.R. bridge)

Dina (Stanford's
ranch)

Chico

Gridley

Live Oak

Marysville

Sacramento *

Stockton (took boat
for San Francisco
110 miles.

Time on road

8 weeks, + 3 days.

Baby Max died
Aug 20, 1895 after
living thru the trips
from Wash

Father was in
the asphaltting business
in San F. with uncle
Frank Goodwin, aunt
Matts husband.

we went to Iowa to
Grandma Conner.

arrived ~~Oct 26~~ 1895 -
we camped for days
rested, fished, washed
faked bread etc. ~~there~~ *
are placed.

in Lemon buying the last home.
 where Little Gusie was born (he weighed $2\frac{1}{2}$
~~4~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.) Gus was sent to M. C. Sutcliffe, D.
 as manager of Central Lumber Co.,
 where we moved 3 times, in 8 years.
 Edna & Lurena graduated from His school
 there, and Clair was born there, in 1916.
 We then took up an additional home-
 stead, near Bull Head. Gus still worked
 for the Lumber Co., the girls taught
 school 2 years. on Dec 8-1917 Gus
 lost his life in a blizzard. I shall
 leave space to copy some clippings of
 this & the prairie fire. 19 moves so far

- Moves I have made in 714
- I was born on a farm father owned where
 he and mother were married on Badger La.
 was 5 years old, our first move in 18.
- 1 Shreve farm, traded with grandpa my
 - 2 Quawa mother had a millenary store
 - 3 Whiting
 - 4 Coon farm built a nice "big" house
 - 5 Washington first time 3 weeks gone
 - 6 Coon home again, built small house
 - 7 Whiting uncle Wally house ^{George fell} ~~shop~~ ^{target}
 - 8 Polly house (father went to Ozark Mts
 had arthure bag)
 - 9 Hartfield, Arkansas
 - 10 Whiting Iowa
 - 11 Ellivous' farm near river, traded for this
 - 12 Hotel in Whiting
 - 13 Pullman Wash
 - 14 Hawaii "
 - 15 M B's house
 - 16 Fritz house on Union Flat
 - 17 Prescription — at Beaura Del
 old & the best 60/ family

P.O. Toney Idaho

18. To Idaho Aunt Kate home
- 19 Timber Claim no 1
- 20 Timber Claim no 2
- 21 Hawawai ^{1 year there} Woodward Gulch 1888
- 22 Alpowa - 3 years ^{Step to Canyon}
- 23 Hawawai 1892 ^{across the river}
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- 25 M.B.'s home stead
- 26 Thorn Thicket -
- 27 Homestead at Redner Gulch 1893 ^{fall}
- 28 San Francisco - 2 moves
- 29 Iowa to Grandma Combs Oct 26, 1893
- 30 30 moves untill married Oct 18, 1896
- 31 ~~Riedman~~ ¹⁸⁹⁶
- 32 Jack Anderson farm ^{Edna born}
- 33 So Dak - Ethings farm, 1898
- 34 Ethings home for the winter
- 35 Pat Smith farm Lurena Bm 1889
- 36 farm near Lynches. 3 years
- 37 Rushnell - So Dak ^{Hardware store}
- 38 Whiting. Iowa ^{Francis born} in 13 rooms house
- 39 Gulick farm ^{was worked on elevator}
- 40 Christy farm, which we purchased

- 41 Jim McClain farm
 - 42 So Dakota, Ed Murphy farm
 - 43 Homestead No 1. at Penrille S.D.
 - 44 Lemmon ^{hus} began to learn lumber
 - 45 Lemmon purchased a home
 - 46 McIntosh So Dak No 1
 - 47 " " " No 2 5 years
 - 48 " " " No 3
 - 49 Home stead No 2. additional ^{home} stead
 - 50 Long Beach bought a home on 4th st.
 - 51 Bath So Dak. worked in Post office for mos.
 - 52 Freds farm at Bath S.D.
 - 53 Ranch at Glenham "
 - 54 One more on Glenham ranch 1919
 - 55 Long Beach Cal
 - 56 Santa Cruz
 - 57 Church St 2 years 1930
 - 58 Lurenas one summer 1932
 - 59 home Dec 13. 1932 207 Martin Blvd
 - 60 Brooder house cottage Feb 1. 33
 - 61 ~~Own~~ own home in July 1941.
 - 62 Christmas 25. Dec 1945
- I am still in my home in
Santa Cruz Calif 1944 Morrisey Blvd
90 years old doing my own

have lived 2 years in Aug.
2 of places I've lived
living alone too.
W. R. Fred has been gone
3 years in. Sept 22-62.
I am fine, not a ache
or pain but a little
rheumatism in my
hands, and hope to be
here some time yet,
only Sam, Ethel & I left
of our family of Tom &
Fanny Combs.

30 moves untill married at 2
Places I've lived since married
27 moves untill mother's death, 2 moves
in San Francisco. Then to Grandma Corn
in Iowa; 1896; Oct 19, 1896. I was
I were married & went to live with his folks
as they were farming a big farm together.
we had a room up stairs where we lived
months, untill Elena was born, we rented
Jack Anderson's farm, one season, then
to So. Dak. on the Pat Smith farm, for
George ~~Etting~~ Etting, moved up to Etting's home
to care for stock, Lucrecia was born there,
back to Smith farm, 5 moves.

The farm by Lynche. 3 years near Bush
At Bushnell we started the Hardware
Francis was born in Bushnell, 1900.

To Whiting after selling? out to Geo &
J. Dulick's place, till we bought The Cru
farm. ^{Slacks was born on the Cru farm 1905} on the Jim M. & Clara farm

Then The Ed Murphy ranch, near Elk
So. Dak. Home stead no 1. at Pennville
So. Dak. where we had some ~~great~~ experience
parricide fire ect. lived in a lovely
rod house, we proved up in 14 months
then Gus went to Laramie, & learned the
Cattle business. we moved twice when

Deaths of Grandchildren

Randall Russell Sisco ^{Died} Dec 12-1927.

Kenneth Markham, killed over

Formosa aged 21, a P.38 Pilot-
June 18, 1943-

He was awarded The Purple Heart medal

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There are three
and three children, and
she always lived with her
21 years.
Mrs. H. was converted and
baptized with the Missionary Bapt-
ist church in Ill., to which she
she always lived with her
The funeral services were held
at the home being conducted by
Rev. Charles G. Miller of the M. B.
church in Ill. The hymns were "Jesus
Christ of Nazareth" and "Rock of
Ages." The scripture lesson was
the 14th chapter of John and the
1st chapter of I Cor. At her re-
quiescent remains were laid to
rest in the Clark cemetery west of
Waltham beside those of her first
husband and two daughters. Five
grandchildren, Wm. Frank and Peter
H. and Mrs. Mudduth and others.
Lester Thompson
the pall bearers